



# “Iron Swords”



## Steven Wailand

### Steven's Life motto:

Plan your future and count your blessings.  
We never know which day will be our last.

Steven was born in Houston, TX in 1984. His family made Aliyah to Jerusalem when he was 10 years old, in 1995. Steven is married to Ruth, and a father to Amalia. Steven enlisted into the Medical Corps and trained to become a paramedic. During his service, he was stationed in various locations. He joined the fight in the Second Lebanon War with Palsar 401 in the summer of 2006. Two of his friends from his training were killed in combat during the war. Steven continued to treat wounded soldiers and lost his operational partner, Itay Steinberger Z"L, when their unit was ambushed by terrorist fire. After this incident, Steven proceeded to save lives and was awarded a Medal of Honor for his courageous actions. Since the events, Steven has suffered from PTSD and manages his condition via communication and therapy. Today, Steven is a high school teacher, specializing in English and Music. He lives in Zichron Ya'akov and plans to continue educating young people about his army experience.

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